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In re Patent Application of

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For: APPARATUS DESIGNED TO MODULATE THE NEUROVEGETATIVE  
SYSTEM AND INTEGRATE ITS ACTION WITH THAT OF THE CENTRAL  
NERVOUS SYSTEM; APPLICATIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF THE  
VASCULAR SYSTEM AND ORTHOPAEDIC DISORDERS

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March 13, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding  
paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs  
showing current revisions is attached.

Page 1, before the first line, please insert as a separate paragraph:

This application is the US national phase of international application

a' PCT/EP01/08756 filed 27 July 2001, which designated the US.